

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

Austin, Texas.
April 2nd, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples,
Secretary of State,
Capitol Building,
Austin, Texas.


Dear Mr. Secretary:

The object of House Bill No. 177 is to extend the time from thirty days to ninety days in which bookkeepers, clerks, artisans, mechanics, and laborers generally, may file their claims with the county clerk for the purpose of fixing a lien, as now provided by law, on property, for services rendered.

Three months, it seems to me, is entirely too long to tie up property in this way. It would seriously embarrass manufacturers, farmers, and almost any class of business that worked employees. If laborers had ninety days in which to fix their liens, such a length of time could be used to enforce claims not sufficiently well grounded in fact. This measure is against good, sound, public policy.

It is, therefore, vetoed and filed with you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. W. C. S.", written in a cursive style.

Governor.